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DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is it a fact that the same text-book will be used next year also and that there may not be any loss?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already informed the hon. Member that there won't be any loss because a lakh or a lakh and a half books have to be sold. The same text-book has been prescribed for this year also. I am sure all the copies would be sold this year.

*Language Pandits*

* 295 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the qualifications prescribed for the Language Pandits in the State are insisted on in the case of those in Kanyakumari district; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to equate the Travancore-Cochin State qualifications with the qualifications of this State in respect of the Language Pandits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. In the case of individuals appointed after 1st November 1956.

(*b*) No general proposal is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : With regard to Pandits already appointed—Malayalam and Hindi Pandits appointed prior to 1st November 1956 and who held confirmed posts—cannot their qualifications be equated with Madras qualifications?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Madras qualification requires a training. But as far as Kerala was concerned, no training was required. Therefore, those qualifications cannot be equated with these.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that IX Class certificate-holders with teacher training certificates and the Sahitya Visharad of the Travancore-Cochin University have not been promoted to the old second grade of the Travancore-Cochin State though Tamil Pandits have been promoted like that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have got a qualification prescribed for being appointed as Pandits, that is, they should have had the training, either the Pandits' training or the secondary grade training. If there was the training for those persons who were already employed, then certainly they would have got into the Madras grade. Those who did not have that qualification will be kept on in the Travancore-Cochin State scale of pay. When they acquire the qualification, they are eligible to get into the Madras scale.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know whether it is a fact that in 1957 a few months after the merger, Middle School Tamil Pandits were promoted as the then Second Grade Travancore-Cochin Pandits whereas Malayalam and Hindi Pandits on a par with those qualifications were not promoted though there were vacancies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

### *Prize Bonds*

* 296 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to the District Collectors for the sale of Prize Bonds ; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it part of the duties of the Government servants to indulge in these extra activities to the detriment of their official work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We always take care that their routine duties are not upset by these special duties. In the present context of economic development these are also duties of the Government servants.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Does not the Minister consider that the public are likely to take undue advantage of the contact they establish with these officials when they purchase these bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have got full confidence in our public servants. I do not think they will get soiled as the hon. Member thinks.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Do not the Government adopt a particular method in collecting loans? Why did not the Government adopt that method in the case of sale of these bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Loan is quite different from prize bonds. Therefore, a different procedure will have to be laid down for different collections.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that certain officials harassed some people when they refused to purchase these prize bonds?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM. This is a very vague allegation. I am unable to say 'yes' or 'no'.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : One P. K. Thangavelu.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 329 infra.